

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 8, 2001

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 167

Introduced by Assembly Member Longville

February 5, 2001

An act relating to election ballots.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 167, as amended, Longville. Riverside County absentee ballot program.

Existing law provides for absentee balloting, and provides that the absentee ballot shall be available to any registered voter. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for the costs of new programs and higher levels of service mandated by the state.

This bill would provide that the time and motion study developed by Riverside County in 1988 to claim reimbursement from the state for the county's absentee ballot program is valid through December 31, 1999, for the purposes of determining the amounts that Riverside County is entitled to reimbursement by the state. The bill would require Riverside County to update the study in consultation with the State Controller's Office or develop a new reporting methodology acceptable to the State Controller, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. The bill would require Riverside County to use the revised study or new methodology for periods of time beginning on January 1, 2000.

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reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

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This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The time and motion study developed by
2 Riverside County in 1988 to claim reimbursement from the state
3 for the county's absentee ballot program is valid through
4 December 31, 1999, for the purposes of determining the amounts
5 that Riverside County is entitled to reimbursement by the state.
6 Riverside County shall update the study in consultation with the
7 State Controller's Office or develop a new reporting methodology
8 acceptable to the State Controller and shall use the revised study
9 or new methodology for periods of time beginning on January 1,
10 2000.

11 ~~SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government~~
12 ~~Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this~~
13 ~~act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local~~
14 ~~agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant~~
15 ~~to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title~~
16 ~~2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for~~
17 ~~reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000),~~
18 ~~reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims~~
19 ~~Fund.~~

20 SEC. 2. *No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to*
21 *Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because*

1 *the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school*
2 *district are the result of a program for which legislative authority*
3 *was requested by that local agency or school district, within the*
4 *meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code and Section 6*
5 *of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.*

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